AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1.   (currently amended)   A method for auction brokerage service provided by a computer that resides between an information terminal of a user putting up an identical commodity to be an auctioned commodity and a plurality of auction servers at a plurality of auction sites accessed by a plurality of buyers to perform brokerage operation for an auction of the auctioned commodity among the auction servers, the method comprising steps of:

selecting information of said auction servers suitable for the user's conditions from among stored information related to said auction servers, in response to a request from said information terminal;

transmitting an auction registration request in the name of the user to each of the auction servers at the auction sites that have been selected by the user from among the selected auction servers at the selected auction sites to receive a notification that thean auctioned commodity of the user has been registered at the selected auction servers, the selected auction servers auctioning the auctioned commodity simultaneously at the selected auction sites to the plurality of buyers accessing the selected auction sites;

gathering trade information of how the auctioned commodity has been bid for at the selected auction servers and tendering to the other selected auction sites the

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highest tendered price of the bids in the name of a substitute in order to adjust the bid

prices to the highest price over all the selected auction sites; and

notifying said information terminal of the auction result information and

outputting the auction result,

wherein said auction servers are other brokerage computers which accept bids

from a plurality of information terminals for the auctioned commodity.

2.   (canceled)

3.   (currently amended)   The method for auction brokerage service as

claimed in claim 12, further comprising a step of requesting the selected auction

servers to alter the desired price specified by the user according to the user's

instruction when the computer has found that there is no bid for the commodity at any

relevant auction sites by the date specified by the user.

4.   (currently amended)   The method for auction brokerage service as

claimed in claim 12, further comprising a step of notifying the other auction sites of

canceling the registration of the commodity by an auction site with which the trade has

concluded.

5.   (currently amended)   A method executed by a brokerage computer

residing between a user computer of an auction user putting up an identical

commodity to be an auctioned commodity and auction computers of auction

organizers accessed by a plurality of buyers to perform brokerage operation for

auctions among the auction computers, the method comprising steps of:

(a) receiving information about thean auctioned commodity and at least one specified auction organizer from the user computer;

(b) sending the information about the auctioned commodity in the name of the user to the auction computers of the specified auction organizers, the auction computers auctioning the auctioned commodity simultaneously to the plurality of buyers accessing the specified auction organizers;

(c) gathering trade information of how the auctioned commodity has been bid for at the specified auction organizerssites;

(d) tendering to the other auction computers the highest bid price of the bid prices in the name of a substitute in order to adjust the bid prices to the highest price over all the auction computers; and

(e) taking an action in accordance with conditions specified by the user computer if the brokerage computer has found that there is no bid for the commodity at any auction computers by the date specified by the user including notifying said user computer of the auction result information and outputting the auction result,

wherein said auction computers are other brokerage computers which accept bids from a plurality of other user computers for the auctioned commodity.

6.	(currently amended)The method for auction brokerage service as claimed in claim 5, further comprising a step of requesting the auction organizerssites to alter the desired price specified by the user according to the instruction of the auction user if no bid has been found by the specified date.

7.   (currently amended)The method for auction brokerage service as claimed in claim 5, further comprising a step of notifying the other auction organizerssites of canceling the registration of the commodity by an auction site with which the trade has concluded.

8.   (currently amended)   A computer for residing between an information terminal of a user putting up an identical commodity to be an auctioned commodity and auction servers accessed by a plurality of buyers to perform brokerage service for an auction of the auctioned commodity among the auction servers, said computer comprising:

(a) means for receiving information about thean auctioned commodity and at least one specified auction server from said information terminal;

(b) means for sending the information about the auctioned commodity in the name of the user to the specified auction servers, the specified auction servers auctioning the auctioned commodity simultaneously to the plurality of buyers accessing the specified auction servers;

(c) means for gathering trade information of how the auctioned commodity has been bid for at the specified auction servers;

(d) means for tendering to the other auction servers the highest bidding price among all bidding prices in the name of a substitute in order to adjust the bidding prices to the highest price over all the auction servers; and

(e) means for taking an action in accordance with conditions specified by said information terminal if the computer has found that there is no bid for the commodity at any auction servers by the date specified by the user including notifying said

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information terminal of the auction result information and outputting the auction result,

wherein said auction servers are other brokerage computers which accept bids

from a plurality of information terminals for the auctioned commodity.

9.   (previously presented)   The computer as claimed in claim 8, wherein said

means for taking the action further comprises means for requesting the auction

servers to alter the desired price specified by the user according to the instruction of

the user if no bid has been found by the specified date.

10.   (previously presented)   The computer as claimed in claim 8, further

comprising means for notifying the other auction servers of canceling the registration

of the commodity by an auction server with which the trade has concluded.